

Welcome to something new for



To help share information this Newsletter will be the first of a series of notices for our members.

This first is a copy of the publication that went to Group NW members of the society announcing their next meeting and some upcoming events.

Included is some important information about making accommodations reservations for the Convention in Bloomington.

Hope to see you at the convention



Watch for next months issue featuring

- upcoming events
- facts about your society
- more information about upcoming convention

Click Here to go to
Group NW
News



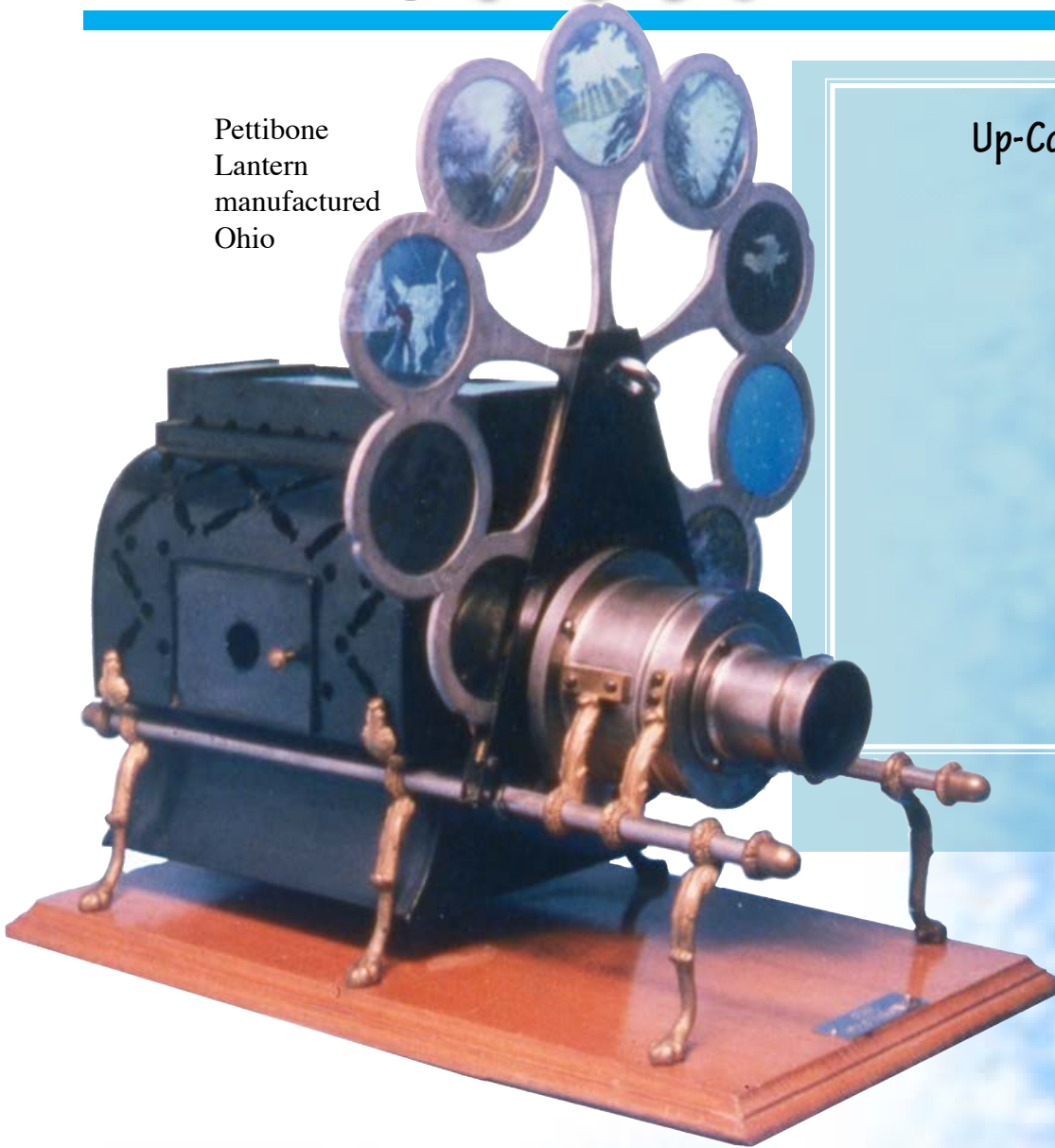
February 2010

Check Out the New Events Coming

- Next Group NW Meeting
- Other Activities of Group NW
- A New Society Members Special Show

Pettibone
Lantern
manufactured
Ohio

Up-Coming Events



Be sure to click on the various
buttons on this page to catch
the latest news.

ROBERT OSRO BISHOP SR.

December 9, 1917 — December 26, 2009

Robert Osro Bishop Sr. (The Old Projectionist) passed away on December 26 at the age of 92.

He was the last of seven boys born to Mr. and Mrs. William and Irene Bishop on December 9, 1917, who all served in World War II.

He was married to Carmaletta I. Bishop, who preceded him in death in the year 2003. They were married over 63 years.

He leaves behind three children. One son, Robert O. Bishop Jr., and two daughters, Wavil I. McAviney and Susan L. Howe; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Robert O. Bishop Sr. was known as husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle, in-law, veteran, author (wrote four books, three have been published and the fourth is on its way) friend and, finally, The Old Projectionist.

He and his wife started giving Magic Lantern Shows in the late 1960s.

Robert O. Bishop Sr. (The Old Projectionist) gave shows throughout the United States, White Horse in the Yukon for the gold rush days.

He and his wife traveled to Europe, Mexico and throughout the U.S., spreading the word about the Magic Lantern. His last Magic Lantern Show was at the Juan de Fuca Festival of the arts in Port Angeles.

In July of 1963, Robert O. Bishop wrote recollections of early Seattle days as recounted by Joe Hillaire. Joe Hillaire read his accounts at Suquamish for the Chief of Seattle Days Pageant in July of 1963.

Robert O. Bishop was a lifetime member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He had many interests over the span of his life and he will be missed.

He lives on in our hearts and will not be forgotten.



Magic Lantern Presentations Bremerton Community Theatre

We are performing a magic lantern show all four Sunday afternoons of February before the play, *Enchanted April*. Each presentation will be twenty minutes in length. After the performance, we move to the lobby and will be available for questions during intermission.

The theatre will hand out our Magic Lantern flyer with the program at each performance.

Check the web site of the Bremerton Community Theatre <http://www.bremertoncommunitytheatre.org/> for information about *Enchanted April* and the write-up about the Magic Lantern Society, *Oh, oh, oh, it's magic!*

Anyone interested in participating in any of the presentations please contact Ron, (rleasterday@embarqmail.com) Larry, (designerlc@comcast.net) or Sharon, (sharonkoch@prodigy.net). It should be a lot of fun!

It was truly a magical show

Once upon a Saturday, **November 7, 2009** a message came...

Greetings Magic Lantern Society ~

I have become interested in magic lanterns only in the last week! Nevertheless, I would like to put on a very simple Magic Lantern Show for children next month, Dec. 12. So, Time is of the Essence.

I know nothing! I saw a lantern long ago at my grandparents house, but never saw it work.

I prowled the internet and found one to buy and probably paid too much. But I have it. It works, sort of. The oil lamp does not work because the wick screw is stripped so the wick will not advance. However my daughter and I got it to project some slides using a night light dropped through the chimney. However, we could not get the image to enlarge beyond about 6" - 8" and it was quite fuzzy. Also the colors were quite faint. Is this the light source or is it the concave reflector in the back of the lantern? or something else?

Are these answerable questions? Is there another source I should be bothering?

I believe I would like to join your society. It sounds wonderful!

Thank you,

Melanie Ranney
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Thursday, November 12, 2009

From: Melanie Ranney
Subject: magic lantern query

Greetings Larry~

Thank you for your reply regarding magic lanterns. I think you are right, the lantern I bought is a child's lantern. I am hoping to send it back since it was damaged in shipping and the seller seems amenable.

I am now looking for a lantern that will project an image suitable for a home Magic Lantern Show of about 25+ people. I am under some time constraint as the Show is scheduled for Dec. 12.

I have found an electrified lantern with dimensions of 15 1/2" X 14" X 8". This is bigger and might work for a moderate crowd.



**Model B Balopticon
Magic Lantern Glass Slide
Projector**

Ended: Nov 15, 2009 18:53:30 PST

Bid history: 8 bids

November 18, 2009

Greetings Larry ~

More Magic Lantern Mysteries for me!

I did buy the Balopticon Magic Lantern. It arrived today and seems in fine condition. However the slides I have seem much too small. They measure 1 3/8" X 4 3/4" and the slide holder slot is much bigger. It would like slides 3 1/4" X 3". I held the slide by hand in the slot to see if I could get a projected image, but I only got fuzz on the wall where I was projecting. Is there some trick to adapting these little slides? I very much hope to be able to use them because the subject matter is whimsical and child-like, i.e., animals, clowns, children, etc. The show I'm doing on Dec. 12 is for very young children. Any suggestions? What are your slides like? Where can I find others?

I do not want to be a free-loader, so I have in fact printed out the membership application to the Magic Lantern Society of the U.S. and will send it off pronto. In the meantime, thank you so very much for your help.

Melanie Ranney

November 19, 2009

From: Larry
Melanie,

More than happy to help someone develop their interest in the magic lantern. I can call you tonight 4 PM your time if that works for you. I've attached a couple of items. A pdf of one of our notices that I send out, a time line of the magic lantern with developments that affected the development of the lantern and an image of children's slides. If you have any problems with these files let me know. I will continue to look at my slides for ones that could support your show.

Larry

Melanie

November 23, 2009

Hi there,

Well, I shipped a box of slides and goodies to you today. It contains six children's slides, four slip slides, two feather weight mated slides and a single wood mounted slide.

continued

There is a short explanation sheet as well as some other printed material. There are parts included for the slide coloring. Also some early Holiday surprises. If you have any questions about the materials let me know. I just need the loaned slides back after a while. The other materials are yours to keep.

I also looked to see if I had a bulb just like yours. I only found a couple of screw type lamps with a 1.5" base and a 5.5" height. Oblong not round. Might still work if base is the right size.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Larry

November 23, 2009

Greetings Larry ~

Greatly anticipating the goody package. I actually went to Office depot and bought some transparency film stuff for an inkjet printer and some inkjet window decals to see if I can make some slides from the small ML slides I have to send back. Yours will be much welcomed!

Wishing you a fine Turkey Day as well!

December 2, 2009

Greetings Larry ~

The wonderful package arrived late last week. So many amazing things!

Yesterday, I opened all the slides and looked at them with the lantern. It works! I was able to focus it and move the slides through.

The old one are magnificent. The moving/cranking kaleidoscope slide is lovely and the Rat Catcher is even better than I had imagined it.

Our seven-year-old granddaughter made the first home slide this afternoon. I'm waiting for the show to let her see it through the lantern.

The timing for changing slides seems a bit tricky for a show. I have several music boxes lined up with a helper to play them in the slide-changing interludes and as background music. ??? any other suggestions? What sort of patter or spoken words do you use in your Halloween show?

Thanks so for such generosity.

Melanie

December 12th and it's show time by Melanie Ranney

Most Christmas-times, I do a Punch and Judy puppet show, in the old rather violent Victorian tradition. They love it- the more murders the better! This year, not from squeamishness, but just for a change, I thought I would try something a bit different, but still with an old-fashioned feel.



It was presented as a Doll and Animal Party with a Magic Lantern Show. We had about ten children and twenty adults. Every one could bring 1 or 2 small guests (doll or animal), dressed in their best! There were some very vintage visitors, perhaps nearly a century old.



continued



The Show was great fun. I used all the slides you loaned me and the twelve little German cartoon slides I had bought on eBay. The Rat Catcher was a hit of course. Additionally, the children had each made or colored in three or four slides.



A friend played a small harmonium in the back ground, and several hand puppets made raucous comments throughout. The childrens' slides were each greeting by much cheering. All in all, much fun.



Followed by beans and posole and doll-sized cookies with mulled wine and pink punch.

The latest on **Bob Doran** still in the hospital and maybe for a few more weeks as they get the plumbing working right. He's getting better and in good spirits. Not doing any email while in hospital. When he gets everything working right he should be able to go home as long as he is strong enough to get around.



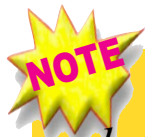
Meeting



**Saturday
Noon Feb. 27, 2010**

Sharon and Mike Kochs
13540 Seabeck Hwy. NW
Seabeck, WA 98380

Please bring salad or dessert for pot luck.
Remember those show and tells.
Please RSVP Sharon and Mike Kochs
sharonkoch@prodigy.net or (360) 830-5209



*When you click the image
buttons you will get a message
from Adobe*

Adobe Security Warning
The document is trying to connect to
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?>

If you trust the site, choose Allow. If
you do not trust the site, choose Block.

*Just click Allow
These sites are just Youtube Sites*



Convention Information

Looks like



will be congregating at the Marriott for the convention in May. So far the Shapes, Halls, Easterdays, Kentwood and Larry are staying there.

Suggestion

Book your reservation for the long term stay (5 nights) for the rate of \$85/night + tax. A lot better than \$139 + tax, for four nights.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bmgcy-court-yard-bloomington/>

Direct phone at Courtyard Marriott (812)335-8000 or reservations 1-800-321-2211.

CHOLESTEROL

Watch an interesting use of childrens slides.

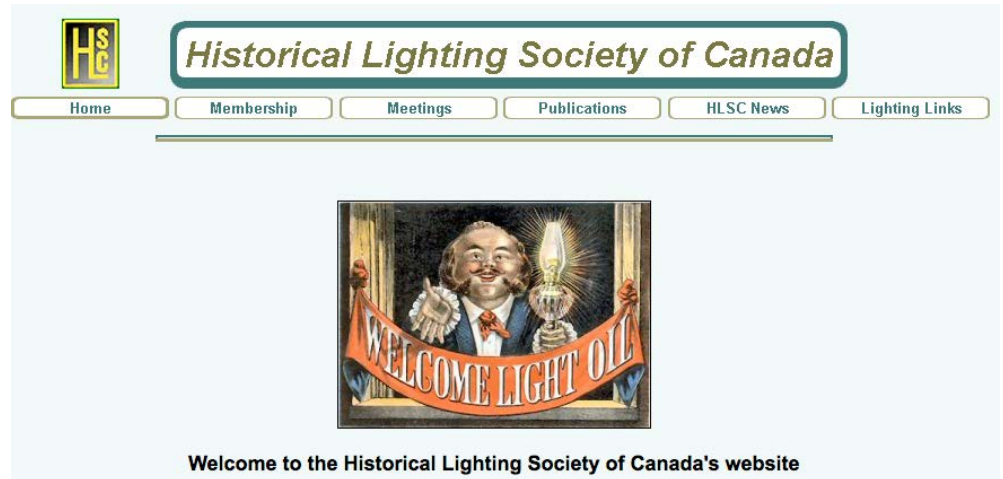
Chromatropes Etoiles

Still another way to get more information

From Gwen Chvalevich
HLSC Publicity Director
To Ron Easterday

I do think that an exchange of information would be beneficial to both clubs. We would be willing to put a link to your club on our website, and a notice of your upcoming meetings in our Contact newsletter. Would you be willing to do the same for us?

Gwen Chvalevich
HLSC Publicity Director



HISTORICAL LIGHTING SOCIETY OF CANADA (HLSC) SPRING MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

Location: The Best Western Hotel
Address: 930 Burnham Street, Cobourg,
Ontario K9A 2X9 Canada
Phone: 905-372-2105
Fax: 905-372-5905
Room Rate: \$105 (plus 12% tax) per night. Mention HLSC and make your reservations by March 11, 2010, to receive this rate.

Meeting Events:

The Saturday program includes lunch, a theme table, a show and tell table featuring different types of lighting and a silent auction. The guest speaker for the meeting will be Barry Schwartz, a member of the HLSC and the Night Light Club, speaking on the topic of "Miniature Lamps". The HLSC optional dinner will follow the meeting. Room trading on Friday and Saturday nights is encouraged. Registration for the Saturday meeting will take place at 11:00 am.

All attendees are requested to register in advance for the meeting. Registration fees are \$30 for lunch and the meeting, or \$65 for the lunch, meeting and dinner. To register, please contact David Smuck at 519-656-2889 or e-mail him at smuckd@sympatico.ca for further details.

HLSC is sponsoring the third in a series of informal Friday evening seminars for anyone interested in kerosene lighting. The topic of this seminar will be "The Care and Repair of Kerosene Lighting". This free seminar will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Cobourg, on Friday evening, April 9, 2010, at 7:30 pm. This seminar is open to the public, and membership in any lighting club is not a requirement to attend this meeting. For questions about the HLSC or to reserve a spot in the seminar, please contact either Stan Walker at 877-867-0666 or Tom Logan at 877-654-6333, or send an e-mail to lampcollectors@gmail.com.

For additional information, visit the HLSC website at
www.historical-lighting.org